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## **Board of Equalization Continues to Give Taxpayers Convenient Options While on the Go**

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Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, today announced the creation of a new mobile web app to enable taxpayers to conveniently get up-to-date information on BOE services.

The new mobile web app is accessible from the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and will enable taxpayers to find their tax rate using their phone's gps system or by searching for a city or county. Additionally, the BOE has provided a link to www.geotax.com which hosts an application that will enable taxpayers to find their sales tax rate based on an address. This enables taxpayers and consumers to find the tax rate for any address in the state.

"Continuing to use new technology enables the BOE to connect to taxpayers wherever they may be. The BOE continues to make information easily accessible to better serve taxpayers," said Horton.

BOE previously released two apps tailored for mobile devices such as smart phones and an iPhone app. By clicking on the cell phone icon, mobile users can also find a BOE district office or validate an account number.

To help taxpayers connect with individual Board Members, the BOE has enabled Californians to easily find their representative through the BOE website by simply typing in their address. They will be able to find the closest constituent office, information on how to contact the Board Member, access the Board Member's website for the latest information in the district, and find a BOE field office.

BOE hopes to continue to expand options for taxpayers to easily and conveniently obtain useful information from their mobile devices and from the convenience of the web.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairperson. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton previously served as an assemblymember from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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